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Dear Bob:

I am writing on behalf of the Portland Harbor Trustee Council regarding the Lower Willamette Group's (LWG) archived samples from the data collection for the Remedial Investigation and Feasibility Study (RI/FS). The Trustees request that the LWG prepare a list of the archived samples, including a brief descriptor of the data collection effort (e.g., RI Round 1 sediment characterization, RI Round 2 bioassay co-located sediment, etc.), sample media, species (where relevant), date of collection, how it has been stored (e.g. at what temperature), and where it is stored. If a sample or samples were composited before storage, please indicate as such. If there are known issues associated with the storage of any samples on the list, or if there is additional important information associated with a sample, please indicate and describe with a brief annotation (e.g., as a remark in a notes column).

As you know, the Trustees have begun to develop a Natural Resource Damage Assessment (NRDA) plan to guide our work for the Portland Harbor NRDA. Under our phased approach to NRDA at Portland Harbor, the Trustees intend to enter into settlements with participating parties at the conclusion of Phase 2. Although those settlements will be based on estimates of injuries and damages and conservative assumptions (rather than a full NRDA), some data collection and analysis may be necessary to make defensible estimates. Samples and data from the RI/FS data collection effort may lead to cost efficiencies for the Trustees and responsible parties, reduce uncertainty and inform our conservative assumptions about injuries and damages for purposes of settlement.

I would be happy to discuss this with you at your earliest convenience. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at 503-753-1310.

Very truly yours,

Erin Madden
Chair, Portland Harbor Trustee Council

cc: Rick Applegate, Eric Blishke, Chip Humphrey